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Cover Coin

Phoenicia, Tyre
117-116 B.C.
Silver shekel (14.31 gm)

Obverse: Laureate head of Melqart right.

Reverse: Τ Τ Ρ Ο Υ Ι Ε Ρ Α Σ Κ Α Ι Α Σ Τ Λ Ο Υ, eagle standing left on prow, palm branch over far shoulder, in left field date LI over vertical club, in right field Σ Α, Phoenician letter 𐤓 between legs of eagle.

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



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Tyre was the seat of a famous purple dyeing industry whose patron was Herakles-Melqart, mythical discoverer of the dye murex. The shekels with the head of Melqart belong to the period of autonomy and Roman alliance begun in 126 B.C. with the expulsion of the Seleucids. The eagle of the reverse appears to be a legacy from the Ptolemaic coinage. These Tyre shekels are popularly known as the "Thirty Pieces of Silver." As the most important coinage in the region of Phoenicia and Palestine they are assumed to have made up the blood money paid to Judas for his betrayal of Jesus.

GREEK COINS

1. **Bruttium, Terina**, c. 445-425 B.C., AR stater (7.00 gm). Head of nymph Terina l./Nike std. l. on cippus, holding wreath (off flan in this specimen) and caduceus. SNG ANS 811. Rare. Very fine 1650—
- 1a. **Lucania, Sybaris**, 530-510 B.C., AR stater (7.26 gm). $\gamma\mu$, bull stg. l., head reverted/Incuse bull stg. r., head reverted. SNG ANS 828. Rare. Little wear but corroded 1250—
2. **Sicily, Camarina**, c. 460 B.C., AR litra (0.76 gm). Nike flying l., swan in front, all within wreath/ $\kappa\alpha\mu\alpha\rho[1]-\nu\alpha\iota\omicron\nu$, Athena stg. l., holding spear. Rizzo pl. v, 3. Rare. Very fine 425—
3. —, **Motya**, c. 350 B.C., AR litra (0.71 gm). Gorgoneion/ $\mu\tau\upsilon\alpha$ (mtua), palm tree. SNG Oxford 1862. Ex Egger sale (November 1909), lot 176. Very rare. Very fine 950—
4. **Kings of Thrace, Lysimachus**, 323-281 B.C., AR tetradrachm (16.76 gm). Aenus mint, c. 283/2 B.C. Diademed head of the deified Alexander r. with horn of Ammon/[BA] $\Sigma\iota\lambda\epsilon\omicron\sigma$ [Λ] $\tau\epsilon\iota\mu\alpha\chi\omicron\tau$, Athena std. l., holding small Nike, enthroned cult image in inner l. field. Cf. Thompson 257. Rare variety. About very fine 600—
5. **Macedon, Olynthus**, 410-401 B.C., AR tetrobol (2.24 gm). Laureate head of Apollo r./ $\chi-\alpha-\lambda-\kappa\iota[\Delta]-[E]\omicron\mu\mu$, cithara in shallow incuse square. Cf. Robinson 59. Rare. Very fine 495—
6. **Kingdom of Macedon, Perseus**, 179-168 B.C., AR tetradrachm (15.02 gm). Diademed head of Perseus r./ $\beta\alpha\sigma\iota-\lambda\epsilon\omicron\sigma$ $\pi\epsilon\rho-\sigma\epsilon\omicron\sigma$, eagle with spread wings stg. r. on thunderbolt, Φ between legs, \blacktriangleleft above, \blacktriangle in r. field, all within oak wreath, plow in exergue. Cf. Hirsch XIV (1905), lot 318. Very rare variety. About extremely fine 2000—
7. **Thessaly, Larissa**, c. 395-370 B.C., AR drachm (6.11 gm). Head of nymph Larissa three quarters l./ $\Lambda\alpha$ $\iota-\sigma\alpha[\iota\omicron\mu\mu]$, mare and foal stg. r. SNG Lockett 1574. Good very fine 1100—
8. **Aegina**, late fourth to third century B.C., AR stater (11.91 gm). Tortoise/ $\alpha-\iota\Gamma\iota$ in two segments of 'skew' incuse. Milbank pl. iii, 1. Very fine/Extremely fine 2750—
9. **Elis, Olympia**, c. 363-343 B.C., AR stater (11.18 gm). Laureate head of Zeus l./ $\Phi-\alpha$, eagle stg. r. on Ionic column. Seltman CC/ $\delta\omicron$. Rare. Noble style. Very fine with lightly corroded surface 2250—
10. **Argolis, Argos**, c. 228-146 B.C., AR hemidrachm (2.17 gm). Forepart of wolf r./Large α flanked by $\Phi\iota-\lambda\omicron/\kappa-\lambda/\mu-\zeta$, vase below, all in shallow incuse square. BMC 123 var. Very fine/Extremely fine 285—
11. **Kingdom of Bithynia, Prusias II**, 180-149 B.C., AR drachm (3.78 gm). Diademed head of Prusias r./ $\beta\alpha\sigma\iota\lambda\epsilon\omicron\sigma$ $\pi\rho\omicron\tau\sigma\iota\omicron\tau$, Zeus stg. l., holding sceptre and crowning royal name, in inner l. field eagle l. on thunderbolt above monogram α . Rec. Gen. 11. Rare. Very fine 400—
12. **Ionia, Clazomenae**, c. 387-300 B.C., \AA 12 mm. Three-quarter head of Athena in triple-crested helmet/[$\tau\iota\mu\eta$] $\Sigma\iota\alpha\mu\alpha\Xi$, ram walking r. Weber 5781. Scarce. Good fine 95—
13. —, **Ephesus**, c. 394-387 B.C., AR tetradrachm (14.41 gm). $E-\Phi$, bee with curved wings/Forepart of stag kneeling r., date palm behind, $\alpha\pi\iota\sigma\tau\omicron\sigma$ in r. field. As BMC 26ff. Rare. Extremely fine/Very fine 3000—
14. **Kingdom of Lydia, Croesus**, 561-546 B.C., AR siglos (5.36 gm). Forepart of lion r. facing forepart of bull l./Two incuse squares. Babelon I, 409. Bold very fine 950—

15. **Lycia, Thiba**, c. 480 B.C., AR stater (9.78 gm). Dolphin leaping l. over dolphin leaping r. over facing human eye/+—E—B— between legs of tetraskeles, all in shallow incuse square. SNG von Aulock 4107, this coin. Rare. Good very fine 2500—
16. **Cilicia, Tarsus**, c. 425-400 B.C., AR drachm (10.24 gm). Satrap on horseback galloping r., fly behind/, hoplite kneeling right, holding shield and lance, barley ear in front, all in shallow incuse square with dotted border. SNG von Aulock 5912, this coin. Rare. Very fine 1850—
17. **Commagene, Antiochus IV**, 38-72 A.D., AE 24 mm. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ·ΑΝΤΙΟΧΟΣ·ΕΠΙΛ, diademed and draped bust of Antiochus r./ΚΟΜΜΑΓΗΝΩΝ, capricorn r., star above, anchor below, all within wreath. BMC 11. Good very fine 125—
18. **Judaea, The Bar Cochba War**, 132-135 A.D., AR denarius of Year Three (3.12 gm). Hebrew inscription *Shimon* within wreath/Hebrew inscription *For the Freedom of Jerusalem*, jug with palm branch. Meshorer 202. Superb 495—
19. —, AR denarius of Year Three (3.40 gm). Hebrew inscription *Shimon* within wreath/Hebrew inscription *For the Freedom of Jerusalem*, three-stringed lyre. Meshorer 205. Extremely fine 435—
20. —, AR denarius of Year Three (3.20 gm). Hebrew inscription *Shimon* around grape cluster/Hebrew inscription *For the Freedom of Jerusalem*, two trumpets. Traces of Latin legend visible. Meshorer 208. Scarce. Extremely fine 475—
21. **Achaemenid Persia**, fifth to fourth century B.C., **Δ** daric (8.35 gm). Great King r. in running-kneeling position, holding bow and spear/Irregular oblong incuse. Boston 2205. Pleasing style. Very fine 2500—
22. **Parthia, Mithradates II**, 123-87 B.C., AR drachm (4.16 gm). Diademed and jacketed bust of Mithradates l./ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΤΟ ΑΡΣ—ΑΚΟΥ ΕΠΙΦΑΝΟΥΣ in square around archer std. r. on throne, holding bow and arrow,  below bow. Sellwood 26/8 variant. Fleur de coin 325—
23. —, **Vonones I**, c. 8-12 A.D., AR drachm (3.97 gm). ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΟΝΩΝΗΚ, diademed head of Vonones l./ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΟΝΩΝΗΚ ΝΕΙΚΗCΑC ΑΡΤΑΒΑΝΟΝ, Nike stg. r. with palm branch, in front. Sellwood 60/5. Scarce. Good very fine 150—
24. **Ptolemaic Egypt, Ptolemy I as satrap**, 323-305 B.C., AR tetradrachm (15.64 gm). Head of Alexander r. in elephant scalp headdress with horn of Ammon and aegis/ΑΛΕΞΑΝ ΔΡΟΥ, Athena Alkis stg. r., brandishing spear and shield, in r. field  over eagle r. on thunderbolt, helmet in upper r. field, star in inner l. field. Svoronos 174, pl. vi, 11. About extremely fine 1200—

ROMAN COINS

25. **Q. Pompeius Rufus**, 54 B.C., AR denarius. RVFVS·COS—Q·POM·RVFI, bare head of Q. Pompeius Rufus, Cos. 88, r./SVLLA·COS, bare head of Sulla r. Crawford 434/1. Very rare. Extremely fine 2250—
26. **L. Livineius Regulus**, 42 B.C., AR denarius. Head of L. Regulus r./L·REGVL[VS], wild beast fight. Crawford 494/30. Very scarce. *Some flatness, otherwise extremely fine* 725—
27. **Octavian**, 37 B.C., AR denarius. IMP·CAESAR—DIVI·F·IIIVIR·ITER·R·P·C, bare head of Octavian r./COS·ITER·ET·TER·DESIG, simpulum, aspergillum, capis and lituus. Crawford 538/1. Very fine plus 650—

28. **Augustus**, 27 B.C.-14 A.D., AR denarius. Asian mint, c. 19-15 B.C. CAESAR, bare head of Augustus r./AVGVSTVS, heifer stg. r. RIC 59. Rare. *Nice style. Extremely fine* 1850—
29. **Caligula**, 37-41 A.D., AE quadrans. C·CAESAR DIVI AVG PRON AVG·, cap of Liberty flanked by S·C/COS·TERT·PON·M·TR·P·III·P·P· around R·C·C. RIC 39. *About extremely fine* 95—
30. **Britannicus**, † 55 A.D., AE 17 mm. of Aeolian Aegae. BP...KAICAP, bare head of Britannicus r./ΑΙΓΑΙΩΝ...ΟΥ, Zeus stg. l., holding eagle and sceptre. Not in BMC or CNR; cf. Weber 5470 (Messalina). Extremely rare. *Fine, pitted* 450—
31. **Otho**, 69 A.D., billon tetradrachm of Syrian Antioch. ΑΥΤΟΚΡΑΤΩΡ ΜΑΡΚΟΣ ΟΘΩΝ ΚΑΙCΑΡ CΕΒΑCΤΟC, laureate head of Otho r./ΕΤΟΥC Α, eagle stg. l. on laurel branch, wreath in beak, palm branch in front. BMC 214. Rare. *Very fine* 475—
32. **Vespasian**, 69-79 A.D., AR denarius. Laureate head of Vespasian r./[IVD AEA], mourning Jewess std. r. on ground, trophy behind. RIC 15. Scarce. *About extremely fine* 795—
33. **Hadrian**, 117-138 A.D., AR cistophorus of Asian mint. Laureate head of Hadrian r./COS III, eagle stg. facing on thunderbolt, head r. Cohen 427. *About very fine* 550—
34. **Faustina Senior**, † 141 A.D., AR denarius. Draped bust of Faustina r./AVGVSTA, Venus stg. l., holding apple and resting hand on shield. RIC 366. *Extremely fine* 200—
35. **Caracalla**, 198-217 A.D., billon tetradrachm. Tyre mint, 213-217 A.D. Laureate head of Caracalla r./·ΔΗΜΑΡΧ ΕΞ·ΤΙΠΑΤΟCΤΟ·Δ·, eagle stg. facing on club, head l., murex shell between legs. Bellinger 303. *Extremely fine* 325—
36. **Macrinus**, 217-218 A.D., AR denarius. Laureate and cuirassed bust of Macrinus r./SECVRITAS TEMPORVM, Securitas stg. facing, head l., holding sceptre and resting elbow on column. RIC 91. *Extremely fine* 300—
37. **Diadumenian**, Caesar 217-218 A.D., AR denarius. Bare-headed, draped and cuirassed bust of Diadumenian r./PRINC IVVENTVTIS, Diadumenian in military attire stg. facing, head r., holding standard and sceptre, two standards to right. RIC 102. Rare. *Good very fine* 575—
38. **Gallienus**, 253-268 A.D., heavy antoninianus (4.59 gm). Lugdunum mint. Radiate and cuirassed bust of Gallienus r./FIDES MILITVM, eagle stg. l. on globe between two standards. RIC 13. Very scarce. *Very fine with medalllic flan* 125—
39. —, antoninianus. Rome mint. Radiate bust of Gallienus r./HERCVLI CONS AVG, wild boar running r., E in ex. RIC 202. Scarce. *Extremely fine* 95—
40. —, *Legionary Series*, antoninianus. Mediolanum mint, 258 A.D. Radiate and cuirassed bust of Gallienus r./LEG II PART VI P VI F, centaur walking l., holding globe and club. RIC 334. Rare. *About extremely fine* 325—

One of the most interesting sub-groups in Roman coinage is Gallienus' Legionary Series, issued by the Milan mint. This coin and the following honor the Second Legion; the reverse inscription reads "Legio Secunda Parthica, sextum Pia, sextum Fidelis". The epithets "Pia" and "Fidelis" were awarded to a number of legions by Senatus consultum, apparently on occasions when the legions maintained their allegiance to the legitimate emperor during civil war. This coin shows the Second Legion so honored for the sixth time. The centaur was the badge of the Legio Secunda Parthica.



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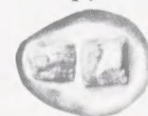
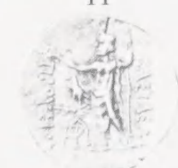
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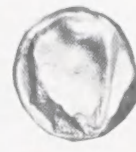
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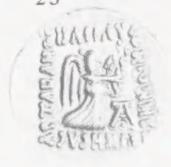
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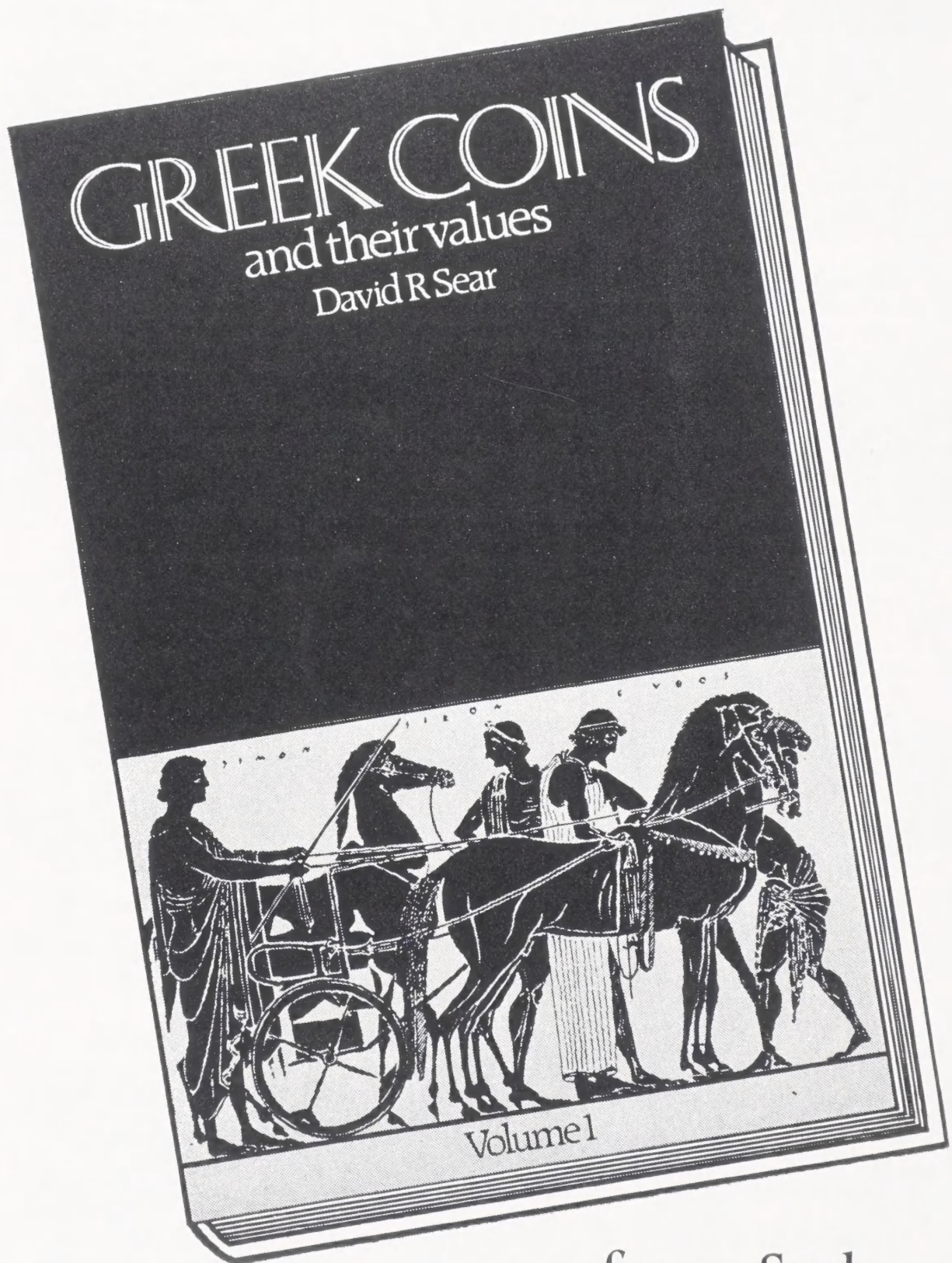
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41. —, antoninianus. Mediolanum mint, 258 A.D. Radiate and cuirassed bust of Gallienus r./LEG II PART [VI P] VI F, centaur running r., holding club. RIC 336 variant. Rare. *Very fine* 250—
42. —, antoninianus. Mediolanum mint, 258 A.D. Radiate and cuirassed bust of Gallienus r./LEG III FL VI P VI F, lion running r. RIC 343. Rare. *Very fine/Extremely fine* 200—
- This coin honors the Legio Quarta Flavia, also pronounced Pia and Fidelis for the sixth time. The badge of this legion was a radiate lion. The issuance of such a series, which embraces 18 legions, is a vivid reminder of the emperor's dependence on the military and his need to court the sometimes fickle good will of his soldiers.*
43. Maxentius, 306-312 A.D., AE follis. Aquileia mint, 307 A.D. Laureate head of Maxentius r./CONSERV VRB SVAE, Roma and Maxentius in temple, AQR in ex. RIC 113. *Good extremely fine* 125—
44. Licinius I, 308-324 A.D., AE 3. Treveri mint, 318-319 A.D. Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust of Licinius l., holding mappa and sceptre/IOVI CONSERVATORI AVG, emperor stg. l. on back of eagle r., holding thunderbolt and sceptre, PTR in ex. RIC 212. Very scarce. *Fully silvered. Extremely fine* 240—
45. Crispus, Caesar 317-326 A.D., AE 3. Londinium mint, 318 A.D. Laureate and cuirassed bust of Crispus r./PRINCIPIAI-VVENTVTIS, Crispus in military dress stg. r., holding inverted spear and resting hand on shield, crescent in inner l. field, PLN in ex. RIC 135 variant. Scarce. *Superb with green patina* 100—
46. Vetricianus, 350-351 A.D., AE centenionalis. Thessalonica mint. Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust of Vetricianus r./CONCORDIA MILITVM, Vetricianus in military dress stg. facing, head l., holding two standards, star above head, A in l. field, B in r. field, TSD in ex. Cohen 1. Rare. *About very fine* 495—
47. Constantius Gallus, Caesar 351-354 A.D., AE centenionalis. Cyzicus mint. Bare-headed, draped and cuirassed bust of Constantius Gallus r./FEL TEMP REPARATIO, soldier spearing fallen enemy, SMKA in ex. Cohen 16. Scarce. *Extremely fine* 95—
48. Jovian, 363-364 A.D., AE 3. Constantinople mint. Diademed, draped and cuirassed bust of Jovian l./VOT V MVLT X within wreath, CONSPΘ in ex. Cohen 34. Rare. *Very fine* 275—
49. Flavius Victor, 387-388 A.D., AE 4. Aquileia mint. Diademed, draped and cuirassed bust of Flavius Victor r./SPES RO-MA-NORVM, open camp gate with star between turrets, SMAQS in ex. Cohen 3. Rare. *Very fine* 285—
50. Anthemius, 467-472 A.D., A tremissis (1.41 gm). Diademed, draped and cuirassed bust of Anthemius r./Cross within wreath, CONOB in ex. Cohen 21. Very rare. *About extremely fine* 1500—

BYZANTINE COINS

51. Phocas, 602-610 A.D., A solidus (4.50 gm). Facing bust of Phocas, holding globus cruciger/Angel stg. facing, holding globus cruciger and staff topped by Christogram, CONOB in ex. D.O. 10e. *Superb* 450—
52. Theophilus, 829-842 A.D., A solidus (3.85 gm). Sicilian mint, 831-842 A.D. Facing bust of Theophilus, wearing chlamys and holding globus cruciger/Facing bust of Theophilus, wearing loros and holding cross potent. D.O. 24. *Extremely fine* 575—
53. Constantine X, 1059-1067 A.D., A scyphate histamenon (4.40 gm). Christ std. facing on square-backed throne, holding Gospels and raising hand in blessing/Emperor in loros stg. facing, holding globus cruciger and labarum with pellet on shaft. D.O. 1b. *Extremely fine* 400—

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